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Dear Mr. Delaware:

This is an interim response to your request dated October 30, 2018, to Interpol Washington, U.S. National Central Bureau (USNCB), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for information concerning deceased individual, James Joseph "Whitey" Bulger.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

We received your request on October 30, 2018. Please refer to the above FOIA number assigned to your request in any additional correspondence. On November 27, 2018, we acknowledged receipt of your request and informed you that we have conducted searches and located a voluminous amount of records which may be responsive to your request. On December 11, 2018, we informed you that we extended the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days provided by the statute and we continued reviewing the voluminous amount of records which may be responsive to your request and that these records required consultation with U.S. Department of Justice components and other Federal agencies. On February 6, 2019, we informed you that we continue to consult with U.S. Department of Justice components and other federal agencies because the records you seek contain information of interest to these other agencies.

At this time, we continue to consult with U.S. Department of Justice components and other federal agencies because the records you seek contain information of interest to these other agencies, and we can respond only after consulting with these agencies regarding their information. See 28 C.F.R. § 16.4(d)(1) (2015). Accordingly, your request falls within "unusual circumstances." See 5 U.S.C. 552 § (a)(6)(B)(i)-(iii). Because of these unusual circumstances, we are extending the time limit to respond to your request beyond the ten additional days

provided by the statute. The time needed to process your request will necessarily depend on the volume and complexity of the records located. For your information, this Office assigns incoming requests to one of three tracks: simple, complex, or expedited. Each request is then handled on a first-in, first-out basis in relation to other requests in the same track. Simple requests usually receive a response in approximately one month, whereas complex requests necessarily take longer. At this time, your request has been assigned to the complex track. To allow us to respond more quickly to you, you may wish to narrow the scope of your request to limit the number of potentially responsive records or agree to an alternative time frame for processing.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame for the processing of your request, you may contact the Interpol Washington FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Our contact information is as follows: INTERPOL Washington, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530-0001, Attention: Office of General Counsel, Tel.: 202-616-0201, Email: [Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov](mailto:Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov).

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov) ; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with INTERPOL Washington's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin R. Smith", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Kevin R. Smith  
General Counsel